

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF THE DUCHESNE STRAWBERRY
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC. HELD IN THE DUCHESNE
COUNTY COURTROOM, DUCHESNE, UTAH, MARCH 17, 1975. Time 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Don Norseth from the State Engineers Office, introducing Robert Guy from the Vernal Office. Mr. Norseth reported on the expected water flow of the state, stating that although most of the state was predicted average or above the water picture for Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers does not look as promising, and spring storms between now and the time the irrigation season would determine the type of irrigation season we could expect the coming year.

Mr. Norseth turned the meeting over to the president of the Duchesne and Strawberry Water Users, Inc. Association, Ray Thomas. Mr. Thomas called for the 1974 minutes which were read. After hearing the minutes Loryn Ross made the motion, seconded by Earl Wright that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion passed.

1974 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Given by Don Norseth.

DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVERS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1974

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds January 1, 1974: \$5,264.89

B. Receipts and Expenditures:

1. Receipts

(A) Regular Assessments \$12,054.85

(B) Delinquent Collections 105.40

(C) Total Receipts \$12,160.25

2. Expenditures (see attached) \$ 9,253.81

C. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds December 31, 1974: \$ 8,171.33

STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER
DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVERS
Distribution System

<u>Description of Budget Item:</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>Total 1974</u> <u>Expenditures:</u>
Commissioner's Salary	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,499.95 ^{1/}
Matching Social Security Tax	450.00	380.16
Matching State Retirement	350.00	308.76
Commissioner's Travel Expense \$.15/mile	2,400.00	1,564.75
Commissioner's Phone Expense	100.00	40.81 ^{2/}
Bonds & Insurance Premiums	60.00	29.17
Distribution Supplies & Equipment	300.00	77.35
Miscellaneous Expenses	400.00	107.80 ^{3/}
Annual Report (1974)	240.00	94.36 (1973)
Board of Directors Expense	500.00	150.00
Dep. Commissioner if Needed	500.00	-0-
 TOTAL 1974 BUDGET & ASSESSMENT	 \$ 12,300.00	 \$ 9,253.81

- 1/ Consists of \$ 1,249.98 paid to Christian S. Carter and \$5,249.97 paid to David K. Clayburn.
- 2/ Consists of \$ 37.56 phone bill of 1973, approved by Chairman Thomas.
- 3/ Consists of \$ 7.80 newspaper advertising expense and \$ 100.00 for 1974 Secretarial Services for Leland Wright.

DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVERS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
1974 Delinquent Water Assessments (as of March 3, 1975)

<u>S/E Acc't No.</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>Total Amount Due:</u>
7	Wm. R. Peatross	\$ 69.85
14	Weldon Brown	170.50
40	Raleigh Ivie	16.46
54	Elmer MOON	41.78
55	James Mountain	8.25
58	Murray White Canal Co. c/o Glen Stevenson	324.23
64	Wm. R. Peatross	65.22
76	Riverdell Canal Co. 120 West 2950 South Salt Lake City	134.61
85	Tabby Irr. Co. c/o Earl Van Tassell	297.99
92	Ute Indian Tribe c/o Thomas G. Appah	5.17
99	William R. Williams	21.63
103	Paul Young	151.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	1,306.69

After hearing and discussing the 1974 information given by Mr. Norseth a motion was made by Frank Liddell that the water users go on record and accept the financial statement as presented. This motion was seconded by Leon Ross and the motion passed.

WATER COMMISSIONER REPORT

David K. Clayburn 1974 Water Commissioner, gave his report stating that 71,936 acre feet of water was diverted from Starvation Reservoir which made a good irrigation season for the users of the Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users. During the low yield of water of the irrigation season return flows were studied along the Duchesne river. Mr. Clayburn stated that several tight dirt dams had been placed in the Duchesne river between Hanna and Duchesne, and the return flow was surprisingly high as diversions down stream to Rocky Point Heading had enough return flow to satisfy their demands. He expressed his appreciation to the water users for the year 1974 and looked forward to serving in this capacity in the future.

PROPOSED 1975 BUDGET

A proposed 1975 budget was presented in the amount of \$13,300 which includes the following:

<u>Description of Budget Item</u>	<u>Proposed 1975 Budget</u>
Commissioner's Salary	\$ 7,000.00
Matching Social Security Tax	450.00
Matching State Retirement	350.00
Commissioner's Travel Expense 15¢/mile	2,400.00
Commissioner's Phone Expense	100.00
Bonds & Insurance Premiums	60.00
Distribution Supplies & Equipment	1,300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	400.00
Annual Report (1974)	240.00
Board of Directors Expense	500.00
Dep. Commissioner if Needed	500.00
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TOTAL	\$ 13,300.00

After discussing the items on the proposed 1975 budget a motion was made by Joe Clayburn to accept the proposed 1975 budget of \$13,300. This motion was seconded by Jay Abbott and passed.

ASSESSMENT

There was a motion made by Loryn Ross to assess \$8,000.00 and take the balance of the budget out of the reserve account. This was seconded by Frank Liddell, and the motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER COMMISSIONER FOR 1975

George Swasey representing the Rocky Point Ditch Company made the motion that David K. Clayburn be recommended to the State Engineer, and be appointed Water Commissioner for the year 1975. This motion was seconded by Melvin B. White, and the motion passed. Don Norseth responded to this recommendation and told the water users that they would appoint Mr. Clayburn for Water Commissioner for 1975, stating that they appreciated working with Mr. Clayburn for 1974.

OTHER BUSINESS

Among the many things discussed was the legal matter of having water hearings pertaining to water users in Duchesne County being held in Salt Lake City. There was a motion made by Clifton C. Mickelson, and seconded by Leon Ross that the State Engineer representative make the recommendation to the judge that future hearings on water regarding filings in Duchesne County be held in the Duchesne County Courthouse. This motion passed affirmative by all present.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSED

The State Engineer reported to the water users that as near as possible the future annual meetings of this kind would be held on the recommended date of the By-Laws to be the second Monday of March.

The following attended the meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Don Norseth	Division of Water Rights
Robert Guy	Division of Water Rights
Leo L. Brady	Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Earl Wright	Broadhead Ditch
Frank Liddell	Duchesne-Strawberry Association
Leon Ross	Duchesne-Strawberry Association & Uintah Basin Irrigation Co.
Loryn Ross	President Uintah Basin Irrigation Co.
Cliff Mickelson	Strawberry River
George Swasey	Rocky Point Ditch Director
Harvey Gee	Rocky Point Ditch - Vice President
Dennis Kay	Utah Wildlife Resources
Stephen B. Smith	U.S. Forest Service
Wayne Jones	Farm Creek Irrigation
Arvel Rhoades	Farm Creek Irrigation
Jay Abbott	Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Earvin Murphy	Duchesne-Strawberry Association
Jack Nielsen	B.I.A. Fort Duchesne
Joe Clayburn	B.I.A. Fort Duchesne
Dale Workman	
David K. Clayburn	Duchesne Irrigation

Meeting adjourned at 12'o'clock noon.

Leland Wright, Secretary
Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users Inc.

Ray Thomas, President
Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users Inc.